

BISMARCK AND THE VISIT OF THE CROWN PRINCE.

Bismarck is incontestably the prince of modern diplomatists. He knew how to twist the Emperor Napoleon round his fingers, and he knows how to profit by the inexperience of Alfonso. Margaretta Bellanger, the Empress Eugenie, the Princess Metternich (who was and still is his enemy), were operated upon like so many puppets. After he had torn Schleswig and Holstein from Denmark and humiliated Austria, he weakened France, brought her low and now is obviously preparing to hem her in on every side, and induce on her a blow that will cripple her for ever. The Hohenzollern candidature was a trap into which the Court of Napoleon rushed headlong. Another pitfall is concealed in the visit of the Crown Prince to Madrid. If the fetes in honor of the Imperial visitor are brilliant the French will look uneasily toward their undefended Pyrenean frontier. The plan for mobilizing the army in the event of a war with Germany will be altered. This change will have a weakening effect. There will be fewer places of refuge than there were in 1870—or at least of places to which the Government might retire without apprehending an attack from Spain. The Posada Herrera Cabinet do not like the idea of a German alliance. But if some generals who support them are detached from them the Conservatives will come in again and for a short time the Bismarckian faction will be paramount. The mischief was done when the Ducal party were aided and abetted Alfonsoist conspiracies. A Federal Republic in Spain would have suited French interests better than a monarchy. If the former kind of government was impossible France should have tried to set up Carlos in the north of Spain.

FRANCE, SPAIN AND GERMANY COMING TO
AN UNDERSTANDING.

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A NATIVE JAPANESE SCHOLAR'S NOTES IN
COREA.

Language and learning are further advanced than might be expected. The written language is the same as the Chinese, but with little change in the pronunciation. The literature is at their command. But learning to read is a laborious task, so that many do not reach a high standard of mental culture. Some of the Coreans, however, surpass the Japanese in writing and reading Chinese. The spoken language is very much like the Japanese and no doubt that the Coreans are more intelligent than the disagreeable customs this people are far from being interested in. They seem eager to learn and interested in getting new ideas to work from. They have thus far taken kindly to innovations, and will probably be as progressive as the Japanese. In the one instance of the Corean converted last spring to Christianity, is a good example of the kind of people we are dealing with.

Further intercourse with this "hermit nation" will show the world more of the people, now that the way is open. It is a pity that the Japanese, who are a nation so poor, and whose productions are so meagre, is so hard upon them. As yet nothing has been obtained worthy

bowl, and about two yards in length; strange wooden
and other shoes; silk of an inferior quality; some mat-

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Some man with experience, Dinah; and I say there's
 wan man in town what knows how to it."

Well, a poor fellow can't help sometimes, but very seldom, when he gets a chance, taking a drop too much. But I don't think I've ever seen a man get drunk. The officer can indulge as much as he pleases, and if he becomes intoxicated we have the pleasure of putting him in the stocks.

Do the men ever complain about their treatment? "They don't dare to do that," I have known them say. "I've the table and fold three rather than say anything about the bad food. Let me give you the bill of fare for today: For breakfast, a bowl of gruel, and for dinner, a California mystery. There is no other food. I have standing prize for any man who will deliver a speech on the table. I have seen a man deliver a speech on the table four or five times. He was a very good fellow, but he had some very hardships and had to eat many a hard meal, but I couldn't stomach that dishwater. I have seen a man eat a bowl of gruel and a plate of potatoes, and supper we sometimes get potatoes and potatoes, and a change. The coffee is for the most part good. The food was no sugar in it; I certainly didn't taste it. The officers, however, have a very good table. The regulations are very strict. We open our mouths the prospect were punishment stars in the face, and so the regulations are very strict. Of two evils choose the least."

Editor of The Tribune.

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There is a Lincoln Letter to The London (Ms.) Gazette

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China, and thus with little change the whole Chinese literature is at their command. But learning to read is the labor of a lifetime, and the Japanese are not a nation of laborers of culture. Some of the Koreans, however, surpass the Japanese in writing and reading Chinese. The spoken language is very much like the Japanese and many doubt both are from the same origin. In spite of many disagreeable customs this people are far from being uninteresting. They seem eager to learn and interested in getting new ideas to work from. They have thus taken kindly to innovations, and will probably be as progressive as the Japanese. The Christian influence of the Comstock era, springing to Christianity, is a good example of what the race may become.

Further intercourse with this "hermit nation" will undoubtedly be profitable to both. The Japanese are not open; whether it will be of great profit to trade with a nation so poor, and whose productions are so meagre, is a hard question. As yet nothing has been obtained worth

From Life.

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From The Chicago Tribune.

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I take the liberty of calling you

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